

**Latimer, Becky**

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 10:33 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Duke energy price increase

Dear Mr. Mark Beyerl,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

A Protest is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protest may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:06 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** Duke energy price increase  
**Importance:** High

Dear SC Public Service Commission,

The fee hike would leave me paying at least \$336 per year before I even turn on a single light, which would be the highest mandatory monthly fee of any investor-owned utility in the nation.

The hardest hit customers by this huge fee hike will be customers who use less energy, often low-income families and seniors, who can least afford it, and households that use solar or energy efficient appliances.

By moving such a large percentage of our bills to mandatory fees that cannot be reduced, no matter how little energy I use, Duke will be taking away my ability to control my electric bill by saving energy.

The high mandatory fees will mean low-usage customers will be forced to pay more for using less. Duke made more than \$3 billion in profit in 2017 and paid their CEO \$21 million, making her the highest paid utility CEO in the nation, yet somehow they now claim they need to collect more from customers.

Duke's proposed fees are unjustified, inequitable, and bad for consumers and the environment. Utility proposals for huge monthly fees like Duke's have been rejected by regulators and public officials around the country, and I ask that you do whatever you can to protect utility customers and stop Duke's proposal.

Mark Beyerl

Gray Court SC 29645